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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

U.S. PATENT NUMBER	INVENTOR(S)
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER	COUNTRY	APPLICANT
EP 0905042 A1	EPO	Alusuisse Technology &
		Mgmt. AG
EP 0710101 B1	EPO	R.P. Scherer Corporation
EP 0646367 B1	EPO	R.P. Scherer Limited
EP 0563934 A1	EPO	Dr. Karl Thomae GmbH
WO 00/09313	WIPO	R.P. Scherer Corporation
WO 97/21534	WIPO	Alusuisse Technology &
		Mgmt AG
WO 99/08857	WIPO	R.P. Scherer Corporation

OTHER DOCUMENTS

None

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Applicant respectfully requests that the documents cited herein be made of record in the normal manner and that such documents appear on the printed patent as being considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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